

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 23, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 6/20/00)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Child Development Resources, Inc., Support Agreement

### Background

The Board has previously determined that it is in the public interest for an early childhood educational experience and positive learning opportunities to be available for economically disadvantaged and other qualified County families. They are essential elements in a comprehensive network of services operated or overseen by the Community Services Department. These programs promote school readiness, life long learning, and parental involvement in the academic experience. In addition, the program design is intended to encourage healthy family and societal interaction, support socio-economic self-sufficiency, and serve as very early prevention activities.

Since September 1990, the Child Development Resources, Inc., (CDR) a locally based, non-profit organization, has operated the "First Steps" program under such an agreement with the County. The County provides space at the Griffin-Yeates Center and makes an annual financial contribution. The Community Services Department provides oversight and contract administration for the operation of First Steps. The Board allocated \$121,186 in the approved FY2001 budget.

The Support Agreement is reviewed annually, and a copy is attached for the Board's consideration. It is the staff recommendation that this agreement be renewed effective July 1, 2000. The County further supports this program through the provision of space in the Griffin-Yeates Center, the terms of which are specified under a separate lease agreement.

### Recommendation

It is my recommendation that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution R00-80 to authorize execution of the attached Support Agreement with the Child Development Resources, Inc., for an early childhood education and development program.

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### Attachments:

- CDR/First Steps Support Agreement
- Proposed Resolution R00-80